

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DANIEL EDWARDS,

Petitioner,

vs.

9:02-CV-1061

LEONARD PORTUONDO,

Respondent.

Thomas J. McAvoy,
Sr. U.S. District Judge

DECISION & ORDER

This *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 was referred to the Hon. Gustave J. Di Bianco, United States Magistrate Judge, for a Report-Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 72.4.

The Report-Recommendation dated May 2, 2005 recommended that the petition be denied and dismissed. The petitioner filed objections to the Report-Recommendation, essentially raising the same arguments presented to the Magistrate Judge.

When objections to a magistrate judge's Report-Recommendation are lodged, the Court makes a "*de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). After such a review, the Court may "accept, reject, or

modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge. The judge may also receive further evidence or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions." Id.

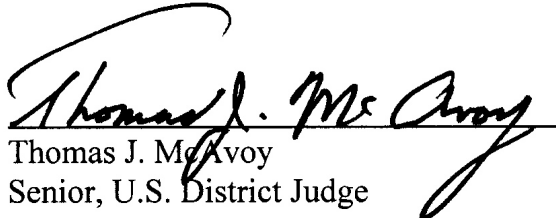
Having reviewed the record *de novo* and having considered the issues raised in the Petitioner's objections, this Court has determined to accept and adopt the recommendation of Magistrate Judge Di Bianco for the reasons stated in the Report-Recommendation.

It is therefore

ORDERED that Petitioner's writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED** and **DISMISSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 30, 2005


Thomas J. McAvoy
Senior, U.S. District Judge